remote that people are not encouraged to take up lands containing sandal trees for cultivation. Either the present rules may be abolished or the value of sandal trees paid by the applicant may be ordered to be refunded to him when he relinquishes the land, provided that he shows the same number of sandal trees on the land at the time of relinquishment.

(3) Mr. K. Shankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha.

(3) At all malki sales the full estimated value of sandal trees is recovered from applicants in addition to the price realised by the sale of other malki. The existing rule may be so modified as to remove this hardship by excluding sandalwood from the malki sale and allowing the holder of the land half the value of the sandalwood thereon when it is removed for sale. This procedure, while it helps free darkhasts for cultivation of lands containing sandal trees, encourages the people to promote the growth of sandal trees springing up on their lands.

(4) Mr. B. Sitharamiah, Chikmagalur taluk.

(4) Lands—wet, dry or waste,—containing sandal trees may be sold to the public as before, without valuing the sandal trees, and recovering the present value of the bonus thereon.

Mr. Pilkington.—The rule has acted well in the case of those who have taken up the land for a long term of years such as coffee planters and garden-owners. It acts prejudicially to those who take up land for wet and dry cultivation, which in the malnad are given up within a short time. Some distinction is therefore necessary.

Messrs. D. Hanumantha Rao, and Gubbi Ramanuja Iyengar.—Whatever may be the disadvantage in the malnad the concession has been a great boon to the ryots in the maidan and the rules do not require alteration.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT NO. 157.

The special contract system for the disposal of forest produce.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk

Summary of discussion.—The special contract system may be abolished, and all timber cut and sold only by the departmental agency. In the Malabar Forests this system is pursued. If the timber is collected by the Forest Department and sold by auction like sandal at depots after proper advertisement, the timber will fetch better prices and the risk of overfelling will also be reduced.

Reply of Government.—The Malabar system will be enquired into.

SUBJECT NO. 158.

Concessions to holders of lands containing sandal trees.

Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao Chikmagalur taluk, and Bhistaiya, Yedahalli sub-taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Sandalwood concessions granted by Government to ryots have been of no benefit as the departmental authorities nullify the best intentions of Government. The Forest Department does not comply with the requisitions of ryots for the removal of mature or dead sandal trees from their holdings. If an application is made for the removal of a mature tree, the reply